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FORM NO. 3
G. 50-1-1-40

File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Special Branch /Stalibh/

REPORT

Date August 16, 1941.

Subject (in full) Lazo Ahmet Ogly, Persian Gypsy, - Arrival in Shanghai.

Made by D.I. Prokofiev. Forwarded by C.D.I. Lees

With reference to the communication from the British Consulate-General dated May 9,1941, I have to report that LAZO AHMET OGLY,Persian Gypsy, deported from India to Shanghai, arrived in this city on 14-8-41 aboard the s.s. " Wingsang". He was accompanied by his wife and child.

Enquiries show that they are at present staying with one Tsurilo at 241 Route des Soeurs, Flat C.

A. Prokofiev
D. I.

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A. C. (Special Branch).

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Dear Sir,

I forward herewith a x copy of a Police report regarding the arrival in Shanghai of one Lazo Ahmet Ogly and his family.

Yours faithfully,

W Duncan.
Assistant Commissioner
(Special Branch)

x Sent. 18/8/41

A. T. Cox, Esq.,
British Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

A.C. (S.B.)

Sir,

Re attached file, Mr. Box phoned this A.M. reporting that the Ogly family left Hongkong for Shanghai on Aug. 11th by the S.S. "Winghang", after being deported from India. He wishes to know their Shanghai address when they arrive here.

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Dear Mr. Cox,

Thank you for letter dated May 9, 1941, concerning Lazo Ahmat Ogly and family. Any further information concerning their movements will be greatly appreciated. Copies of any photographs available would also be of value.

Yours sincerely,

Assistant Commissioner
(Special Branch)

A. T. Cox, Esq.,
British Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,
P.O. BOX 259. SHANGHAI.

9th May 1941.

Dear Mr. Sharman,

You may be interested to hear that Lazo Ahmat Ogly (see Mr. Yorke's letter of the 20th March 1940 No. D 7532) is being deported by India to Shanghai. His wife and child are also being deported to Shanghai.

If you require any additional information regarding their movements I shall be pleased to pass it on.

Yours ever,

T. Cox.

V. Sharman, Esquire,
Assistant Commissioner
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

British Consulate-General,
SHANGHAI,
27th March 1940.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. A. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 7532
Date 30 3 40

Dear Mr. Yorke,

Many thanks for the report contained in your letter No. D 7532 of the 20th March regarding the *Vishnevsky family. I have passed on the report to the Commissioner of Police, Hongkong.

Yours sincerely,

Cox

* See also D 9167 - 21-4-40

R. W. Yorke, Esquire,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
S H A N G H A I.

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British Consulate-General,
SHANGHAI,
29th February 1940.

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Dear Mr. Yorke,

I should be grateful for any information you can give me regarding Petre Vishnevsky (aged 65), Paul Vishnevsky (aged 20, son) and Roza Vishnevsky (mother). They are in possession of Iranian Passports issued at the Iranian Consulate-General, Shanghai in February 1937 and valid until 1941. They obtained transit visas to return to their home at Tigaran (Iran) and left Shanghai early this month by the S.S. "Tak Sang."

On arrival in Hong Kong the men stated they wished to proceed to Bangkok and not Iran. As their passports bore no visas for Thailand they were taken to the Consul for Thailand in Hong Kong where their applications for visas were refused. They then requested permission to remain in Hong Kong for a few days in order/

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order to obtain passages to some other port but this application was refused by the Hong Kong authorities and they were made to return to Shanghai as they disclosed no intention to proceed to Iran. (The visas on their passports were cancelled). They left Hong Kong on the "Ting Sang" on the 14th February.

It has been ascertained that these people are members of a large gang of Russian gypsies, who are swindlers, shoplifters, etc., and it is possible these two men have criminal records in Shanghai. It is possible that the Iranian Passports in their possession may be forgeries. Petrie Vishnevsky holds No. 45145 (also in his wife's name Roza Vishnevsky) and Paul Vishnevsky holds No. 45137.

I shall be most grateful for any information you can give to confirm or augment the foregoing. The address given in Shanghai is: Route Pere Robert 67/12.

I understand that when the father and son left Shanghai on the "Taksang" they travelled with Mrs.

Lola/

Lola Ogly, aged 35 years also an Iranian but the woman was <u>not</u> allowed to land as she had no passport. Do you know anything about this woman please? Is she by any chance Roza Vishnevsky?

Once again many thanks for your kind assistance in these investigations.

Yours sincerely,

Fox.

British Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

9th April, 1940.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
SECRETARY
No. S. B. D. 7532
Date 11 4 40

Dear Mr. Yorke,

I wish to thank you for the report dated 5th April regarding the Vishnevsky family and should be grateful if I could be supplied with three copies of the photographs referred to in the report.

Yours sincerely,

P. Cox.

Passport Control Officer.

3 copies of photographs handed to Mr Cox by D. S. McKeown on 12/4/40.

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R. W. Yorke, Esquire,

Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.

FORM NO. 3
G. 50M-1-40

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

Section 1, Special Branch

REPORT

No. 3 Date April 5 1940.

Subject (in full) Communication dated 29-2-40 from the British Consulate-General concerning Petre Vishnevsky, Paul Vishnevsky and Lola Ogly.

Made by D.S.I. Prokofiew *Forwarded by* Supt. J. Mason.

Further to the report dated 20-3-40 concerning three Persian gypsies named, respectively, Petre VISHNEVSKY, Paul VISHNEVSKY and Lola OGLY, who returned to Shanghai from Hongkong on 18-2-40 aboard the s.s. "Ting Sang" after an unsuccessful attempt to obtain in that port visas for Bangkok, I have to state that on 5-4-40 D.S.I. Maklaevsky interviewed Mr. C.P. Capes, purser of the vessel in question. From the attached photographs of Petre KONDENKO, Paul Vishnevsky and Lola OGLY Mr. Capes recognized them as the trio who travelled aboard the s.s. "Ting Sang".

It would seem therefore that Kondenko was in possession of passport No.45145 issued at the Iranian Consulate, Shanghai, on 17-2-37 to Petre VISHNEVSKY who died on 30-9-39 at Shanghai.

A. Prokofiev
D. S. I.

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D. C. (Special Branch).

NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS, APRIL 31, 1940

The Royal Netherlands Consulate-General at Shanghai, in charge of Iranian Interests, requests Iranian subjects residing at Shanghai whose passports have expired, to apply without fail for the extension thereof.

Applications for new passports and renewal of passports must be likewise presented to this Consulate-General and will be forwarded to the Imperial Iranian Legation at Tokyo.

G. W. BOISSEVAIN,
Consul-General for the Netherlands.

Shanghai, March 30, 1940.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 1532
Date 21 3 40

March 20 40.

Dear Mr. Cox,

With reference to your letter dated 29th February, 1940, I forward herewith copy of a report regarding Peter Kishnevsky and members of his family.

Yours sincerely,

x Sent. 21/3/40 Tu

A. T. Cox, Esq.,
Passport Office,
H.B.M. Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date March 20, 1940.

Subject. Communication dated 29-2-40 from the British Consulate-General concerning Petre Vishnevsky, Paul Vishnevsky and Lola Ogly-Persian gypsies.

Made by D.S.I. Prokofiev. *Forwarded by* Supt. J. Mason.

Enquiries regarding Peter VISHNEVSKY, Paul VISHNEVSKY and Lola OGLY, Persian gypsies who returned to Shanghai from Hongkong on 18-2-40 aboard the s.s. "Ting Sang" after an unsuccessful attempt to obtain in that port visas for Bangkok, have elicited the following information:-

1. Petre Vishnevsky, age about 75, who resided at Lane 67, House 12, Route Pere Robert, died on 30-9-39 at Shanghai. From information available at the Consulate-General for the Netherlands it would appear that the deceased was the holder of Iranian passport No.45145 issued at the Iranian Consulate, Shanghai, on 17-2-37 and extended for one or two years at the Consulate-General for the Netherlands on 11-7-38. Amongst the Vishnevsky family residing at the above address there is no other man of the same name and age. Therefore there are good reasons to believe that some other person travelled to Hongkong in possession of the deceased's passport.

No information is available at the Netherlands Consulate-General regarding Roza Vishnevsky, who is believed to be the widow of Peter Vishnevsky.

2. Paul Vishnevsky, age about 20, is reported to be Petre Vishnevsky's son or grandson. He is the holder of Iranian passport No.45137 issued at the Iranian Consulate, Shanghai, in February, 1937 and extended for one or two years at the Netherlands Consulate-General in 1938.

3. Lola Ogly is also known to the Police under

the name Lola Petrova and it appears that her maiden name is Vishnevsky. She is reported to have arrived in Shanghai from Vladivostok some time in 1922 and is known to have since been working here as a dancer and chorus singer in various cabarets and night clubs. In 1933 she left Shanghai and toured Netherlands East Indies and later, on joining a group of other gypsies, Singapore, Penang and Kuala Lumpur. Her husband, Kazo Achmet Ogly, a Persian gypsy, merchant, is a person of supicious character and is believed to have been convicted once in Penang in 1933 for entering the Colony without a valid passport. It is reported that Lola Ogly has no passport but is in possession of a certificate of identity issued at Penang.

In connection with these enquiries it was learned from the Netherlands Consulate-General that formerly the Vishnevsky family obtained Iranian passports without much difficulty. However, following the establishment of the Iranian Consulate at Shanghai in 1934, a committee was formed to investigate various doubtful cases and recently it was found that this particular family's claim to the Iranian nationality is extremely doubtful. It is possible, therefore, that their passports will not be renewed.

The Vishnevsky family have been known in Shanghai for years mainly as musicians, dancers and singers. Some of them have criminal records and on the whole, like other gypsy clans in Shanghai, these people are regarded with much suspicion.

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Enquiries show that the individual who made the trip to Hongkong in February last in company with Paul Vishnevsky and Lola Ogly and who is believed to have been in possession of Peter Vishnevsky's passport, is, in all probability, a certain gypsy named Petre KONDENKO, age about 50. However, enquiries have so far failed to establish this fact definitely. Within two weeks' time the s.s. "Ting Sang" is due to call at Shanghai, and the purser of that ship will be interviewed in order to ascertain, if he can identify Kondenko from the attached photograph as one of the trio.

Hereunder are the particulars of criminal records of the three individuals in question:-

Paul Visnevsky

Larceny	30 days detention Released	16.9.33 19.10.33
Snatching	8 months imp-t (?) (Sentence imposed by the Shanghai District Court).	16.8.34
Fraud	Fined $50 or 25 days	10.7.35
Drunk & Disorderly	Fined $5.00 (paid)	24.4.36
Loitering	10 days detention Released	7.6.39 17.6.39

Lola Ogly.

Attempted Fraud	2 months impr-t suspended for 3 years	5.2.37
Larceny	1 year for successive larceny	10.6.37
Appeal	Original judgement cancelled. Fined $160 or 80 days labour for receiving stolen property. Released	10.8.37
Larceny	Fined $120 or 40 days labour	20.10.37
Assault	Not entertained	23.12.38

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Assault	Fined $40 or $2 per day	25.4. 39
Fraud	6 months impr-nt suspended for 3 years.	28.11.39

Her son Jerisha Ogly, born on 4-5-1924 at Shanghai, was charged with Larceny on 23-4-38 and found not guilty.

Petre Kondenko

Fraud	1 year imprisonment and to jointly pay back complainant the sum of Y.20,830	10.12.38
Appeal	Dismissed	31.3.39
	Released	26.11.39

It is reported that the above named three individuals intended to proceed to Bangkok in order to join there two other members of the gang named, respectively, Vladimir Tagi Ogly and Vassily Komlenko - both with criminal records.

A. Prokofiev

D. S. I.

D. C. (Special Branch).

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Police 215

ET.

It is requested that the following number be quoted in the reply to this letter.

No. (13) in 574/36.

Office of

Chief Police Officer,

Singapore, 6th November, 1936.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter D.7532, dated 23rd ultimo, with enclosures, and to express my appreciation of your assistance in the matter of the Mihai family.

2. Should they leave for Shanghai, I shall inform you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(D. W. MacIntosh)
Chief Police Officer,
Singapore.

DESPATCHED ON
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The Commissioner of Police,

Shanghai Municipal Council,

SHANGHAI.

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October 23 36.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. (8) in 574/36 dated October 5, 1936, and in reply to state that the photograph of Vassily Mikhai and his family has been identified by both Lola Ogli and S.P. Vishnevsky whose written guarantees of employment and maintenance for Mikhai in Shanghai have been obtained and are forwarded herewith. Neither Ogli nor Vishnevsky, however, is willing to defray the cost of Mikhai's passage.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) F. W. Gerrard.

Commissioner of Police.

23 OCT. 1936

The Chief Police Officer,

Singapore.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.2, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date October 23, 1936.

Subject Guarantee for maintenance of Vassily Mikhai, communication from Singapore Police.

Made by D.P.S. Henchman Forwarded by D B Ross C.O.

With reference to the attached communication from the Chief Police Officer, Singapore Police, I have to state that Lola Ogli and Sergey Petrovitch Vishnevsky were interviewed, and having identified the attached photograph as a likeness of their friend Vassily Mikhai and his family, both expressed their willingness to guarantee to support him and to find him employment in the event of his coming to Shanghai. When requested to put this promise into writing they both complied; their written and signed guarantees together with translation, herewith attached.

Asked if they were prepared to pay the whole or part of Mikhai's passage money, both Ogli and Vishnevsky replied that they were unwilling to do so and stated that they considered the question of the payment of Mikhai's transport from Singapore to Shanghai to be one which only concerned Mikhai and the Singapore Police.

D Henchman
D. P. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

TRANSLATION

Shanghai,
22nd October 1936.

I, SERGEY PETROVITCH VISHNEVSKY, state that in the event of my friend VASSILY MIKHAI coming to Shanghai I hereby guarantee to support him and his family and to find him employment.

Signed

Sergey Petrovitch Vishnevsky.

TRANSLATION

Shanghai,
22nd October 1936.

I, LOLA OGLI, state that in the event of my friend VASSILY MIKHAI coming to Shanghai I hereby guarantee to support him and his family and to find him employment.

Signed

Lola Ogli.

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ET.

It is requested that the following number be quoted in the reply to this letter.

No. (8) in 574/36.

Office of

Chief Police Officer,

Singapore, 5th October, 1936

Sir,

In reply to your letter D7532, dated 18th ultimo, I have the honour to enclose a photograph of Mihai, wife and child for identification.

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2. Should Ogli and Vishnishky decide to assist, would you please obtain their guarantee of employment or maintenance for Mihai, and either forward it or retain it and advise me.

3. In addition to the guarantee, they may perhaps assist with the passages of the Mihai family and I should be glad if you will so inquire.

4. I am grateful for your assistance in this matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your obedient servant,

(D. W. MacIntosh)
Chief Police Officer,
Singapore.

DESPATCHED ON
OCT 5 1936

The Commissioner of Police,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
S H A N G H A I.

21-9-36

September 18 36.

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The Chief Police Officer,
Singapore.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge rec ipt of your letter No. (5) in S74/36 dated September 1st, 1936, and in reply to inform you that Mrs. Lola Ogli, a Persian gipsy and dancer and chorus singer by occupation, is at present engaged with the Canidrome Ball Room, 1189 Rue Lafayette, French Concession, and resides at 91 Route Vallon. She came to Shanghai from Vladivostock together with her husband, Laze Achmet Ogli, in 1922 and has since worked in various cabarets and night clubs. In 1933 she left Shanghai and toured Netherlands East Indies and later, on joining a group of other gipsies, Singapore, Penang and Kuala Lumpur. Her husband, Laze Achmet Ogli, a Persian gipsy, merchant, is a person of suspicious character and is believed to have been convicted once in Penang in 1933 for entering the Colony without a valid passport.

Mr. Vishnishky or Vishniepki is identical with one Sergey Petrovitch Vishnevsky, Persian gipsy, artist by occupation resident at 7 Karamny Terrace, Flat 925, Avenue Jeffre and formerly a part owner of the now defunct "Black Eyes" Cabaret in the French Concession. He came to Shanghai in 1922 being deported from Japan together with a group of other Persian gipsies who were

concerned in several cases of swindling, ringing the change and shoplifting in that country. Since then he has been residing in Shanghai and apart from being a partner in the cabaret business has acted as promoter of various troops of gipsy artists and is at present engaged under contract with the Canidrome Ball Room as a leader of one of such troops.

Although there is nothing in Municipal Police records to the detriment of the above mentioned persons, they are regarded as suspicious characters and undesirables.

Both Lola Ogli and S.P. Vishnevsky refuse to entertain any request to guarantee relief until they are satisfied that the person in distress is actually Mikhai and accordingly suggest that a recent photograph of the individual giving this name be sent to them for identification.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) F. W. Gorrard.

Commissioner of Police.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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S.2, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date September 17, 36.

Subject Communication dated September 1, 1936 from Chief Police Officer, Singapore, regarding (1) Mrs. Lola Ogli and (2) Vishnevsky.

Made by D.S. Makaroff Forwarded by D S I Logue

(1) Mrs. Lola Ogli is a Persian gipsy and is a dancer and chorus singer by occupation. At present she is engaged with the Canidrome Ball Room, 1189 Rue Lafayette, French Concession.

She came to Shanghai from Vladivostok together with her husband, Lazo Achmet Ogli, in 1922 and has since been residing here, working in various cabarets and night clubs.

In 1933 Lola Ogli left Shanghai and toured in Netherlands East Indies and later joining a group of other gipsies also visited Singapore, Penang and Kuala Lumpur ostensibly for the purpose of buying a rubber plantation.

Her husband, Lazo Achmet Ogli, a Persian gipsy, merchant, is a person of ~~a~~ very suspicious character and is believed to have been convicted once in Penang in 1933 for entering the Colony without a valid passport.

(2) Mr. Vishnishky or Vishniepki referred to in the attached letter is identical ~~to~~ with one Sergey Petrovitch Vishnevsky, Persian gipsy, artist by occupation and formerly a part owner of the "Black Eyes" Cabaret, in the French Concession, ~~defunct at present~~ now defunct. He came to Shanghai in 1922 being deported from Japan together with a group of other Persian gipsies who were concerned in several cases of swindling, ringing the change and shoplifting in that country.

Since ~~that time~~ then he has been residing in Shanghai and apart from being a partner in the cabaret business ~~also~~ has acted as promotor of various troops of gipsy artists.

At present he is engaged under contract with the Canidrome Ball Room as a leader of one of such troops.

Although there is nothing in the Municipal Police records

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concerning any of the above mentioned persons, they are, however, regarded as suspicious characters and undesirables.

Both Lola Ogli and S.P. Vishnevsky were interviewed in connection with the request of Vassily Mikhai. They expressed their surprise, as according to their knowledge this person has a brother, Nicolas Mikhai, an old resident of Singapore, who owns some property in that city and is generally considered to be rather well off.

They also stated that they are not prepared to act as guarantors in connection with this matter unless they have a definite proof that the person in question is really Vassily Mikhai whom they know, and not somebody else. Therefore, they suggest that a recent photograph of the individual who gives his name as Vassily Mikhai, be sent to them for identification.

Mrs. Lola Ogli resides at 91 Route Vallon and the address of S.P. Vishnevsky is as follows:- House 7 Harmony Terrace, Passage 925 Avenue Joffre, French Concession.

N. Makarov.

D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

ET.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
S. B. D. 7532 Police 215
Date 18 9 36

Office of

Chief Police Officer,

It is requested that the following number be quoted in the reply to this letter.

No.(5) in 574/36.

Singapore, 1st September, 1936.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that enquiries be made concerning the friends of a Mr. Vasili Mihai, A Rumanian subject, now stranded in Singapore, who is desirous of obtaining their guarantee of support and/or employment to enable him to obtain a Chinese visa.

2. They are described as -

(1) Mrs. Lola Ogli, House No. 12, Passage 697, Avenue Joffre, Shanghai: and

(2) Mr. Vishnishky or Vishniepki of same address.

3. I should be grateful if these people could be traced and interviewed with a view to ascertaining what assistance, if any, they are prepared to extend to Mihai and whether they will supply written guarantees of support and employment. He has a family of a wife and two children.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(D. W. MacIntosh)
Chief Police Officer,
Singapore.

The Commissioner of Police,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.